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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SAMID

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SERIAL NO: 09/493,031

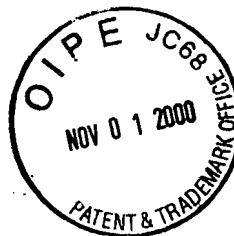
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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated June 1, 2000, the period for response having been extended to expire on November 1, 2000, by the concurrently-filed request for a two-month extension of time, please amend the application as follows:

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Please cancel claims 6 and 14-15 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14 and 16 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method comprising:

inputting a plaintext;

[transform] converting the plaintext into a sequence of symbols with a 1:n relationship,

wherein n is an integer greater than 2;

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